96. Needs of the town of Parur in the matter of means of communication.

Rev. Fr. John (Member, T. I. C., Parur) referred to the urgent necessity for the following public works in the town of Parur and prayed for their early execution:—

1. The construction of a bridge at Vadakkekara over the Palathunkal ferry, so as to avoid the great inconveniences felt by thousands of people and school-going children in crossing the deep and dangerous portion of the canal especially during the monsoon.

2. Gravelling and improving the road from the Parur town to the Chakkarakadavu.

3. Deepening and widening of the *thodu* from Parur to Cheriappalli.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

97. Certain improvements at Munambam in the Parur taluk.

Mr. P. K. Mahomed (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for enacting Regulation I of 1095 expanding the Legislative Council and giving the people increased powers. He then mentioned the following as the urgent needs of the taluk:—

1. The existing village road leading from the Parur-Kuriappalli road to Munambam through Puthiakavu, Manjathuruthu, and Kunjithai should be made cartable and metalled, so as to afford better facilities to the people of the northern *pakuthies* of the taluk.

2. The roads within the Munambam town and the road from the northern extremity of Munambam to the Cochin frontier should be improved, with bridges and culverts wherever necessary.

3. The old seaport at Munambam should be improved so as to afford better facilities for export and import trade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

98. Opening of new roads to the thavalams of the Cardamom Hills where cardamoms are grown.

Mr. S. P. Sultan Ahamad Baduradin Rowther (Member, Devicolam taluk) said that owing to the absence of facilities for communication in the interior of the Devicolam taluk, the cardamom ryots were put to great hardship. He, therefore, prayed that the following roads and bridges might be constructed as early as possible:—

1. Opening of two new roads 6 feet wide from Periakanal to Bison Valley through Athenarayanan Parai and Kilavi Parai and thence to Lockart Estate gap.

2. Widening of the road from Bodimettu to Poopara Pakuthi Cutcherry through Thondimalai and that from Chakulotha *mettu* to Kalkoondal.

3. Construction of a new bridge over Bial river on the way between Bodimettu and Devicolam &c.

4. Removal of the present suspension bridge over Thalayar river in Anaikalpatti of Anjanad *pakuthi* and construction of a strong bridge quite fit for the passage of carts, cattle &c.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

99. Roads.

Mr. R. Ross (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) presented his memorandum in which it was urged that, owing to the increase in labourers' wages, the amounts allotted for the maintenance of the roads serving the Estates should also be

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increased, as otherwise the roads would go from bad to worse. In particular, the early improvement of the following roads was prayed for:—

1. The road from Pathanapuram to Koni and thence to Vadasserikara should be improved as otherwise traffic would be held up next monsoon.

2. The road from Manimala to Rani which was in particularly bad order should be taken up and improved as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. Peermade District road and roads generally.

Mr. R. L. G. Goldsmith (Member, Central Travancore Planters' Association) said that the Church Hill Section of the Cardamom Hill road which connected the Cheenthalaar–Kallar road with the Kottayam–Kumili road should be treated as a public road and that the grant allowed for its maintenance should be increased. He pointed out that the area of cultivated lands using the road had since 1913 increased by about 50% and the improvement of the road would result in further development of lands beyond Cheenthalaar and also increased revenues to Government. He also stated that his Association would willingly co-operate with Government in the matter to the greatest possible extent and also advance from their funds any increased grant to the above road as well as to the Glenmary road.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be considered.

III. PROTECTION.

(1) Legislation (*Concluded*).

101. Criticisms on the report of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) said that as a result of repeated representations made at the various sessions of the Assembly regarding the difficulties experienced in the collection of *michavarom* and other dues from the Kudiyans, Government sanctioned the appointment of a Committee to enquire into and report on the working of the Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation, V of 1071. The report submitted by the Committee contained damaging statements on matters beyond the scope of the work entrusted to them and detrimental to the interests of the Jenmies. The Jenmi Members had repeatedly represented their disapprobation of those statements. He therefore requested that Government might delete the portions objected to.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH.

(1) Town Improvement Committees.

102. Water supply for the town of Nagercoil.

Mr. V. S. Ramaswami (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that the supply of good water for drinking purposes to the town of Nagercoil was a long-felt want and that, as a result of the repeated representations made to Government on the subject, Government ordered the preparation of a scheme for the introduction of pipe water system in the town and sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 16,700 for the work. The Committee then requested that half the cost of the scheme might be borne by the Government, the other half being met out of the town funds. On this, Government ordered that, if the Committee could not bear the whole cost, they should wait till the new Municipal Bill, under which loans could be raised to carry out such works, became law. The scarcity of pure drinking water in the town, especially in the hot weather, was often the cause of the outbreak of epidemics. The town contained a population of about 40,000 and had become damp and insanitary owing to the percolation of water from the channels running through the town, and the mortality from cholera &c., was increasing year after year. In view of the above circumstances, the Member requested that Government should be pleased to help the Committee by contributing half the estimated cost of the scheme.

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